

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION: identifying insertions and [deletions].

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 2, with the following
rewritten paragraph:**

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According to one embodiment of the invention, a transaction facilitator is used in conjunction with a shopping portal to process electronic orders. FIG. 5 is a block diagram of an arrangement 500 for processing electronic orders using a shopping portal according to an embodiment of the invention. In arrangement 500, a shopping portal 502 is communicatively coupled to customer device 302 via a communications link 504 and to merchant [506] 306 via a communications link 506. Shopping portal 502 may optionally be communicatively coupled to transaction facilitator 304 via a communications link 508.